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Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you about the needs of our families in the Missoula area. I am Hollie Gutman, Family Support Worker for Sunburst Community Service Foundation, Family Concepts. It is my desire for you to understand the needs that these families struggle with on a daily basis. It is my desire to help to provide families with the ability to have healthy families and healthy children in the communities of Montana. My most inspirations case is of a mom and her child who has Shaken Baby Syndrome. The child is 15 months old she has been in foster care for 12 months. Within that time I have been able to watch the mother and child change. The child would not be able to move developmentally past a 2 month old. Currently the child is at a 5 month old development. This is amazing for the entire family and when I say family I mean the biological, the foster family, and the support people in the children's life. At the beginning of this case the mother was in denial about what had happened to her child but now the mother has embraced what happen to her child. The mother was able to watch as her child reach and grab, roll over and take her first assisted steps. The mother has been able to make and form a lasting bond with her child. I find it very rewarding to have watched this mother make that transition from an unhealthy person to a healthy individual. The mother tells me on a weekly basis that she would not have been able to accomplish these tasks without the support of Family Concepts. The mother thanks me for helping her to stand on her two feet, helping to advocate for her child and for showing how to be supported in a healthy manner but most of all for just being there for this difficult time in her families' life. This child might have had a very different life without the help and support Family Concepts provided.

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you about the needs of children and families in the communities of Montana.